

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.

Enclosure.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,
Albany, NY, April 27, 2009.

Hon. LORRAINE C. MILLER,
*Clerk, House of Representatives,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MS. MILLER: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, for Representative in Congress from the Twentieth Congressional District of New York, show that Scott Murphy received 80,420 of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Scott Murphy was elected as Representative in Congress from the Twentieth Congressional District of New York.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by the County Boards of Elections involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Very truly yours,

TODD D. VALENTINE,
Co-Executive Director.
STANLEY L. ZALEN,
Co-Executive Director.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE SCOTT MURPHY, OF NEW YORK, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from New York, the Honorable SCOTT MURPHY, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not yet arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the members of the New York delegation present themselves in the well.

Mr. MURPHY of New York appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 111th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE SCOTT MURPHY TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from New York (Mr. RANGEL) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor as the dean of the New York delegation to present to this honorable body the Honorable SCOTT MURPHY.

Quite frankly, the Nation has said this has been a victory of Democrats over Republicans. That's just not so. This is just one great American that found himself in a district that had more Republicans who saw and wanted the best for this country.

It is my great honor to present the Honorable SCOTT MURPHY of the 20th District of New York.

Mr. MURPHY of New York. Thank you, Chairman RANGEL. It's an honor to stand on this floor of this House and join the outstanding men and women of this 111th Congress. I look forward to getting to know all of you, to learning from you, and, most of all, working with you in the spirit of bipartisan cooperation that our challenges so desperately demand.

Upstate New Yorkers made clear to me that while the challenges we face as a country are some of the greatest we have ever known, they're not Democratic challenges, they're not Republican challenges. And as our President has said, this country is not as polarized as our politics would suggest.

So while we may disagree at times on issues, we must never forget that our goals are the same: to make sure that we have good jobs for our workers; to keep our families healthy and safe; to help our small businesses grow and prosper; to build a cleaner, independent energy future; and to make sure that our kids can find jobs so that they can stay near their families and in our communities like those all across Upstate New York.

I have dedicated my career to creating jobs and helping small businesses grow, working with people of all backgrounds and parties to solve complex challenges. Beginning today, I will fight to invest in the 21st century infrastructure that will create jobs and get our economy moving again.

There are so many people to thank for making this journey here today possible. First and foremost, the voters of the 20th District of New York. I'm humbled and honored by the faith and trust that they have placed in me, and I pledge to work every day to make their lives a little bit better and to live up to my ultimate job description of being their voice here in this House.

Now, the first person I would like to thank is the most important person in my world, my best friend, the love of my life, my wife, Jen, who is up in the audience here. Without her encouragement and support, I never would have tried this and would never have been successful.

I also want to thank my kids, Simone and Lux, who are down here on the floor with me, and my son Duke. Their curiosity and energy inspires me every day and reminds me and reminds all of us that we are here fighting for a

brighter future for them and all of America's children.

I also want to thank my dad. And I am a very lucky man, I have my grandparents here with me today. I want to thank them and my mom, who is not around anymore, for teaching me the lessons of hard work and thriftiness and compassion that allowed me to achieve what I have in life and to join this body.

And I want to say thanks to the family and friends that have made the trip down from New York. Many of you have heard I've got a huge family. We have got 57 people in our immediate family. At least half of them are up here in the gallery. So thank you all very much for being here and for all your support.

And I want to say thanks to Speaker PELOSI for your wonderful leadership and to the rest of the leadership team: the majority leader, STENY HOYER; Caucus Chairman LARSON; Whip CLYBURN; Chairman VAN HOLLEN, who have all been very helpful in putting this all together, and I couldn't have gotten here without your help. So thank you very much.

A special thanks to Senator GILLIBRAND, who made this opportunity possible and who did an amazing job representing the families of Upstate New York, and I heard that consistently on the campaign trail. So thanks for your support and your wonderful work on behalf of our district.

I also want to say thanks to President Obama and Vice President BIDEN for their excellent leadership. And I look forward to working with them and all the Members of this body to make sure that we get the stimulus money, the economic recovery money out and make sure it's as effective as it can possibly be in impacting our communities and getting this economy moving.

Thanks also to the outstanding New York delegation that was so excited and helpful in this race. I am looking forward to working on behalf of a brighter New York with so many other Members from our fine State.

I want to say thanks to all the other leaders that were helpful, Governor Paterson and Senator SCHUMER and all the volunteers and staff, and particularly the excellent staff that I had that are here that did so much on our behalf for this campaign. So thank you to everyone who was involved.

As I began serving the people of Upstate New York, I pledged to work with each and every Member of this body to put people back to work, to take care of the taxpayers of today and of tomorrow, and to give our kids a 21st century education, and, most of all, to summon the true spirit of cooperation that it will take to make sure that America's brightest days are still ahead of us. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the